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SUBJECT:KIEV CONGEN PROPERTIES

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- 1. DURING MEETING WITH ARMITAGE APRIL 13, SOVIET CHARGE VORONTSOV INDICATED THAT KIEV AUTHORITIES AND MFA ARE PREPARED TO MAKE "ANY NEEDED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AMERICANS IN KIEV." PLEDGE OF COOPERATION NO DOUBT STEMS FROM SOVIET DESIRE TO BEEF UP THEIR OWN STAFFING IN NEW YORK. (FYI: VORONTSOV ASKED FOR TWO ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY "SECURITY SPECIALISTS" AND ONE MORE PERMANENT 'GUARD.")
- 2. SUGGEST EMBASSY REMIND MFA THAT MONTH HAS ELAPSED SINCE WE INFORMED THEM OF OUR DECISION TO ACCEPT STRELET-SKAYA BUILDING AND GAVE OUR VIEWS ON TERMS FOR LEASE. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO BEGIN LEASE NEGOTIATIONS AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY AND WE CONSIDER EARLY RECONFIGURATION OF FLORENTSIA ESSENTIAL FOR ADVANCE PARTY. EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS AGAIN THAT LAND ADJOINING STRELETSKAYA 16, WHERE PRESENT SMALL BUILDING IS TO BE DEMOLISHED, MUST BE INCLUDED IN CONGEN PROPERTY WITH ACCESS TO STREET. (FYI: CONFIDENTIAL

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WE COULD LIVE WITHOUT ACCESS ROAD TO REAR OF PROPERTY BUT

INITIAL ARCHITECTURAL PLANS POINT OUT NECESSITY FOR

FOR LAND NEXT TO STRELETSKAYA 16.)

- 3. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN EMBASSY'S MARCH 15 LETTER ARE ALSO NECESSARY FOR FURTHER DECISIONS AND PLANNING, PARTICULARLY ON GORKY PROPERTY. EMBASSY SHOULD REQUEST THAT ADDITIONAL ALTERNATIVES FOR CG RESIDENCE BE OFFERED SOON. (FYI: GORKY FLOOR PLANS INDICATE 269 SQ. MTRS. AVAILABLE ON GROUND FLOOR AND 360 SQ. MTRS. ON EACH UPPER FLOOR. QUESTIONS ON USAGE OF OTHER FLOORS NEED TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE DECISION ON GORKY IS MADE.)
- 4. PLANS FOR FLORENTSIA APARTMENTS AND INITIAL STRELET-SKAYA PLOT PLANS ARE COMPLETED AND WILL BE CARRIED TO MOSCOW BY GARRISON NEXT WEEK. PLOT PLAN SHOWS REQUIRED PROPERTY BOUNDARIES. WORK TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY SOVIET CONSTRUCTION ORGANIZATION IS INDICATED ON FLORENTSIA FLOOR PLANS. ROBINSON

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